



e-News From MAIENstreet

**A Neighborhood e-Newsletter From
Councilman Brian Maienschein**

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District Five**

Communities of:

Carmel Mountain Ranch

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Rancho Bernardo

Sabre Springs

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Scripps Ranch

Sorrento Mesa

Sorrento Valley

Grand Opening Fire Station 44

On September 19th, I had the pleasure of being joined by Mayor Dick Murphy and a number of fire and safety officials to dedicate the new Fire Station 44.

The new station is located at 10011 Black Mountain Rd. and will serve the growing needs for fire safety in the Scripps Ranch and Mira Mesa communities by enhancing the fire and medical coverage currently provided by Station 37 and Station 38.



The 9,400 square foot facility houses the most up to date and efficient fire-fighting equipment including a fire engine, a fire truck, HazMat Units, and an ambulance crew. A team of 11 fire and safety officials will man the station seven days a week, for 24 hours a day.

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Sound Wall Coming to Westwood

After 18 months of meetings with residents, a high-quality sound wall is coming to the neighborhood of Westwood. Nearly 30 residents attended the October 3rd meeting held at the Westwood Club to discuss the proposal. Due to the 4-S Ranch development, traffic has increased and residents are hearing more noise along Rancho Bernardo Road. I have taken it upon myself to find a contractor that will provide a high-quality sound wall at a reduced cost to the residents of Westwood. I am committed to improving the quality of life for the residents of Rancho Bernardo.

I am pleased to report that the cost of the project will end up being significantly less than the original estimate. Yehudi Gaffen, who heads Gafcon Construction, has agreed to the terms and conditions that I have proposed. My goal is to provide a 7 foot slump-stone sound wall, at the cost of a wooden fence. This will not only enhance the neighborhood, but reduce traffic noise on Rancho Bernardo Road.

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Tree Planting in Mira Mesa

One of my priorities since taking office has been to preserve and enhance the beauty of our communities. I had the good fortune of being raised here and I have always appreciated the clean and healthy environment that it has afforded. As my wife and I begin raising our daughter, I want to ensure that she is able to enjoy the same.

In an effort to preserve the aesthetic value of our neighborhoods and stimulate a strong environment, my office has partnered with People for Trees, a non-profit corporation, to organize a tree planting ceremony in Mira Mesa. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Mira Mesa Community Park.



People for Trees is now accepting requests from residents to have the 24-inch box trees planted in areas of their designation. To request a tree, please call Matt McNicol at (619) 405-6322.

I am dedicated to keeping our communities strong and beautiful. My office and I will be at the tree planting ceremony with shovels in hand. Any members of the community who are willing to volunteer their time and effort are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please call my office at (619) 236-6655 with any questions.

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The station will also serve as a Battalion Headquarters and a HazMat Station.

Fire Station 44 is one of several facilities scheduled to be constructed over the next few years in response to the growing population in our community.

I believe that the addition of this fire station is a very critical step to increasing public safety infrastructure. It is important that we have adequate emergency services available to serve the needs of our communities.



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Joshua Hanna of Gafcon feels confident that construction on the wall will begin before December 3, 2002, and be completed by May 2003. Pam Schott, manager of the Westwood Club, and resident Anna Jennings are to be commended for their hard work in making this project a reality.

Maienschein Allocates \$25,000 to Shoal Creek Pedestrian Bridge

To prevent Shoal Creek Elementary students from having to dodge traffic on their way to school, I have allocated the \$25,000 necessary for a feasibility study on a future pedestrian bridge at the intersection of Ted William's Parkway and Shoal Creek Dr.

With the help of Carmel Mountain Ranch residents and parents, I have been searching for a long-term solution to a very dangerous situation. The intersection of Ted William's Parkway, which sits at the foot of Shoal Creek Elementary, is constantly filled with young children and vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed on Ted William's Parkway.

I believe that a pedestrian bridge would provide a way for students and parents alike to safely cross the busy street without fear of being hit by a speeding vehicle. With children trying to make their way to school, and cars exceeding speeds of 75 mph, this intersection is an accident waiting to happen.

A pedestrian crossing facility has been a long-standing concern for residents of Carmel Mountain Ranch and the parents of those students attending Shoal Creek Elementary School. I believe that this is a problem that should have been foreseen and prevented years ago when the housing community was designed. Unfortunately, it wasn't, and finding a solution now could be a long and complicated process. A feasibility study is a first and important step in the right direction.

The study is required in order to determine the practicability of a bridge being placed at this intersection. I am hopeful that a report from this study will allow the city to then apply for federal and state design and construction grants to complete the project.





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